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Attny. Docket No.: 9/254

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 11/17/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.


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Grier (US 4,011,236) teaches benzimidazole compounds shown to be useful as UV absorbing materials. None of the compounds, generically or specifically disclose substitution on the benzimidazole benzo ring.

I view of the foregoing withdrawal of the obviousness rejection over the present claims is proper and respectfully requested.

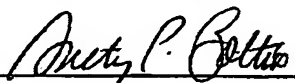
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